

### Book Talk: The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton

The Outsiders is a book that focuses on a young boy named Pony Boy Curtis. In the book he is part of a social group called the greasers, because of his greasy hair and tough look. The greasers are from the east side of town and are an intimidating cast of characters in the book, with their switchblades and leather jackets. Throughout the book the greasers' feud with their rivals called the Socs, or socials. The Socs are the rich kids from the west side of town. They get their name from the community, because of their high social class and wealth. They are known for their flashy cars and clothes. On top of dealing with this rivalry Pony Boy's home life is a constant struggle. His parents died when he was young and he lives with his two older brothers Darry and Soda Pop. You begin to quickly realize that Pony Boy and Darry, the oldest brother and legal guardian of Pony Boy, do not see eye to eye. To make matters worse Pony Boy and his best friend Johnny, get accused of murder, and have to live on the run, with help from their friend Dally. Will Pony Boy cave in and give up on life due to his constant social feuding, his rough home life, and becoming a wanted criminal? You will have to read to find out!